



Adult Girls Home

The home accommodates 40 young women above 14 years with intellectual disabilities as an assisted living solution. It was opened in 2012 and is funded by the Tamilnadu government. It's a home away from home for women with intellectual disabilities!

The home was founded to provide women from the age of 14 with intellectual disabilities who are identified as able to receive vocational training are a home away from home. There is a maximum of 40 beneficiaries at any given time.

A woman's story

Jeya is a tribal girl born 1997 in Chinnamayalachi in Kalrayan Hills. She was born with a mental retardation problem and her mother passed away during the delivery. Jeya's father abandoned her when he remarried and she was left in the care of her grandparents. When Jeya was still a child, her grandfather, who was



a watchman at Intact Nursery and Primary school in Vellimali, requested that Intact Special School assess her and take over her education so that she would receive the best care possible. She came to the Intact Special School as a live-in student at the age of 14. When the Intact Adult Girls Home programme was started, she moved to the Home. Now she has undergone the vocational training programme and learnt to



make paper envelopes and artificial jewellery with minimal support. Once a month her grandparents travel for 6 hours to come and visit her.

Methodology

Women are provided with living facilities free of charge. Their days are structured with time schedule for daily living activities, vocational training and recreational activities.

The women are also given training in sheltered and job-oriented vocations. Presently training is conducted in paper envelope making, candle making and hand-made paper making.

The training has a dual purpose in being therapeutic, as well as providing a means toward independent living. When the women have completed their vocational training and are ready for employment, assistance is provided to find a suitable placement. Otherwise they are free to stay in the home for lifetime.

About Intact

Intact, a non-profit, charity organization, was established in 1992 by Thomas Ebenezer who, by helping those in need of food, shelter and a sense of security, is living his dream.

Intact works to empower marginalised individuals in society, with focus on people with physical and intellectual disabilities, mountain tribes and poor women, by creating opportunities for independent living.

We want to achieve a society where everyone, regardless of caste, ethnicity, gender, religion, colour and ability is accepted and given the opportunity to develop to their full potential – without discrimination.